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FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SY, US
SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY: MARRIAGE AND OTHER PETITIONS

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1. DCM MET WITH TOUTAH MARCH 19 TO DISCUSS CASES OTHER THAN MARRIAGE PETITIONS WHICH SHALOM HAD HOPED TO RAISE WITH MESSAOUD PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. TOUTAH SAID MESSAOUD HAD REFUSED TO RECEIVE HIM AND SHALO DURING SHALOM'S LAST EVENING IN DAMASCUS AND CONSEQUENTLY HE WOULD HAVE TO FIND APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THESE CASES HIMSELF. THEY ARE: A) SEEK PERMISSION FOR SARAH OSS OF ALEPPO TO COME LIVE WITH HER DAUGHTER IN US. SHE IS 75 YAARS OF AGE, LIVES ALONE AND HAS NO CLOSE RELATIVES IN SYRIA; B) SEEK PERMISSION FOR ZEBAH FAMILY TO EMIGRATE TO US ON GROUNDS THAT LOSS OF 3 DAUGHTERS IN 1974 LEFT PSYCHOLOGICAL SCARS MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR FAMILY TO CONTINUE LIVING IN SYRIA. TOUTAH SAID HE PERSONALLY SAW NO HOPE FOR APPROVAL OF THIS CASE EXCEPT POSSIBLY FOR REMAINING UNMARRIED DAUGHTER; C) SEEK REDUCTION OF BOND IN FADIYYAH CASE. WOMAN HAS BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE TO COME TO US FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT BUT HAS NO HOPE OF RAISING 25,000
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SYRIAN POUNDS BOND WHICH HAS BEEN SET.

2. DCM ALSO CONFIRMED WITH TOUTAH PROPOSED TACTICS FOR NEW BATCH OF MARRIAGE PETITIONS ACCORDING TO WHICH WE WOULD RAISE MATTER WITH PRESIDENCY BEFORE HE PRESENTED PETITIONS THEMSELVES TO SYRIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES. HE WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT AND STATED IN EVEN STRONGER TERMS

THEN HE HAD PREVIOUSLY HIS BELIEF THAT NOW WAS NOT THE TIME TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH SARG.

3. WE HAVE RECEIVED TWO ADDITIONAL PETITIONS FROM NEA/ARN:

A) MARRIAGE PETITION OF ELLIOT MIZRAHI TO MARRY GAROZ CHERRO. WE NOTE THAT ON LIST SHALOM LEFT WITH US GAROZ CHERRO IS SCHEDULED TO MARRY ISAAC SAFF. PLEASE CONFIRM WITH SHALOM WHICH PROSPECTIVE GROOM SHOULD BE LISTED;
B) PETITION FROM SYLVIA MISHANIEH FOR HER SISTER MATHILDE TO COME LIVE WITH HER IN US. WE DO NOT PLAN TO RAISE THIS CASE BUT WILL PASS PETITION ON TO TOUTAH TO HOLD WITH OTHER PETITIONS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AT A LATER DATE.

4. FINALLY, IN REREADING NOTES OF SHALOM'S MEETING WITH DEPFONMIN QADDUR MARCH 15 WE NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO SUBJECTS REPORTED REFTEL SHALOM RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER ONE OF THE ORIGINAL 13 UNMARRIED WOMEN WHO TRAVELED TO THE US LAST SUMMER MIGHT VISIT ISRAEL FOR PURPOSE OF SEEING HER DESPERATELY SICK SISTER WHO IS HOSPITALIZED. SHALOM SAID HE FELT HE HAD TO RAISE THIS QUESTION AND REPORTED THAT QADDUR HAD GIVEN NO PARTICULAR REACTION TO IT.
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